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Reply to Office Communication dated September 26, 2006

REMARKS

The present Application is currently under appeal. This Amendment is filed in response to the Examiner's Answer to Applicant's Appeal Brief, dated September 26, 2006. Claims 1-24 were pending in the Application prior to entry of this Amendment. In the Advisory Action dated April 5, 2006, claims 1-18 and 22-24 were indicated as being rejected. Claims 19-21 were objected to as depending from a rejected base claim, but would otherwise be allowable if amended into independent form to include all of the limitation of their respective base claim and any intervening claims. The rejection of claims 9, 10, 22 and 23 was withdrawn in the Examiner's Answer to Applicant's Appeal Brief. Accordingly, claims 9, 10, and 19-23, are currently indicated as being allowable.

After entry of this Amendment claims 1-8, 10-17, and 19-24, are currently pending in the Application. Claim 1 has been amended to include all of the limitations of allowable claim 9. Allowable claims 19 and 20 have each been amended into independent form to include all of the limitations of base claim 18. Claims 9 and 18 have been cancelled without prejudice.

It is respectfully submitted that this Amendment traverses and overcomes all of the Examiner's objections and rejections to the Application as originally filed. It is further submitted that this Amendment has antecedent basis in the Application as originally filed, including the specification, claims and drawings, and that this Amendment does not add any new subject matter to the application. Reconsideration of the Application as amended is requested. It is respectfully submitted that this Amendment places the Application in suitable condition for allowance; notice of which is requested.

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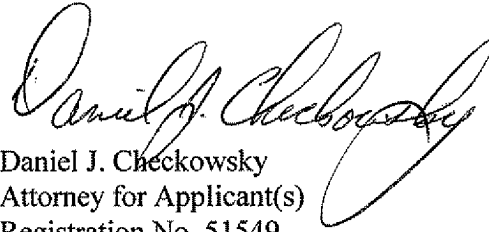
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If the Examiner feels that prosecution of the present Application can be expedited by way of an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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